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CLERK: Mr. President, Legislative...your Committee on Education reports LB 303 to General File with amendments. Transportation reports LB 191 to General File. Banking Committee reports LB 52 and LB 298 to General File with committee amendments attached; those reports all signed by the respective Chairpersons. (Legislative Journal pages 515-517.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: We next move to LB 36E, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Foley would move to return the bill for specific amendment, that amendment being to strike the enacting clause.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Foley.

CLERK: Senator, I'm sorry. Would you prefer...I've got...I've got that motion, and I also have the referral to committee. Which one did you want to take up first? Do you have a preference?

SENATOR FOLEY: I have no preference, Mr. Clerk. I think we can take them as they're listed.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Foley, you're recognized to open on your motion to return to strike the enacting clause.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I want to begin this morning with a...just a word of apology, both to Senator Thompson and to all of you. I apologize for raising concerns about this bill at this late date. And I realize that it would have been far more appropriate for me to have raised these concerns at an earlier date. We're now at day twenty-one in the legislative...in my legislative career, and things have moved quite quickly for me. Quite frankly, I had no idea that this bill would advance to Final Reading so quickly. At about five o'clock, yesterday afternoon, I learned that this bill was on the agenda for Final Reading and I immediately called Senator Thompson and notified her that I had asked my staff to do some research on this bill, and that that research was incomplete, and I was waiting for